

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA**

CM #22-08

MARCH 7, 2022

2:05 ~ 3:44 P.M.

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT: Justin T. WILLIAMS, CHAIRMAN; Florence P. BELSER, VICE CHAIR; *and* COMMISSIONERS Carolyn L. ‘Carolee’ WILLIAMS^[A/V], Stephen M. ‘Mike’ CASTON^[A/V], Thomas J. ‘Tom’ ERVIN^[A/V], Headen B. THOMAS^[A/V], and Delton W. POWERS, JR.

COMMISSION MEMBER(S) ABSENT: —

PRESENTING AGENDA: Jo Anne Wessinger Hill
GENERAL COUNSEL

STAFF PRESENT: Jocelyn Boyd, Chief Clerk/Executive Director; Sonya Hancock, Clerk’s Staff; Randy Erskine and Jackie Thomas, Information Technology Staff; Melissa Purvis and Gwen Richardson, Livestream Technical Staff; Officer Joe Biggs, Security Staff; and Jo Elizabeth M. Wheat, CVR-CM/M-GNSC, Court Reporter.

REVISED_[3/24/2022]

**TRANSCRIPT / MINUTES
OF
SPECIAL COMMISSION BUSINESS MEETING**

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA

101 EXECUTIVE CENTER DRIVE
COLUMBIA, SC 29210

POST OFFICE BOX 11649
COLUMBIA, SC 29211

WWW.PSC.SC.GOV

I N D E X

	PAGE
<u>MOTION/EXECUTIVE SESSION</u>	3
<u>MOTION/OPEN SESSION</u>	5

In accordance with S.C. Code § 30-4-80(E), the Public Service Commission hereby certifies that it has notified all persons, organizations, local news media, and all other news media requesting notification of the time, date, place, and agenda of this public meeting, by posting a copy of the Notice in its principal office, by e-mailing such Notice to all who request same, and by posting the Notice on the Commission's official Internet website.

^[A/V] AUDIO- AND/OR VIDEOCONFERENCED PARTICIPATION

^[EI] = ELECTRONIC INTERFERENCE

P R O C E E D I N G S

CHAIRMAN J. WILLIAMS: Good afternoon, ladies and gentlemen. Welcome to the Public Service Commission of South Carolina. Today is March 7th; it is 2:05 p.m., and we're here for a special business meeting.

Before we get started, please join me in a brief moment of silence.

[Brief pause]

All right. Thank you, very much.

Present in the hearing room we have Commissioners Powers, Belser, and joining us virtually we have Commissioners C. Williams, Thomas. By phone, we have Commissioner Ervin, and virtually we have Commissioner Caston.

All right. Is there a motion?

COMMISSIONER THOMAS^[A/V]: Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN J. WILLIAMS: Commissioner Thomas, you have the floor, sir.

COMMISSIONER THOMAS^[A/V]: I move that the Commission go into executive session for the receipt of legal advice, pursuant to South Carolina Code Section 30-4-70(a)(2), on all items and matters on the posted utilities and transportation agendas for the March 10, 2022, regularly scheduled

1 meeting of the Commission. So move.

2 **CHAIRMAN J. WILLIAMS:** All right. Thank you,
3 Commissioner Thomas.

4 Commissioners, hearing Commissioner Thomas's
5 motion, is there any discussion?

6 [No response]

7 All right. Hearing none, we'll vote, starting
8 with District 1. Commissioner Williams?

9 **COMMISSIONER C. WILLIAMS^[A/V]:** Aye.

10 **CHAIRMAN J. WILLIAMS:** Vice Chair Belser?

11 **VICE CHAIR BELSER:** Aye.

12 **CHAIRMAN J. WILLIAMS:** Commissioner Caston.

13 **COMMISSIONER CASTON^[A/V]:** Aye.

14 **CHAIRMAN J. WILLIAMS:** Commissioner Ervin?

15 **COMMISSIONER ERVIN^[A/V]:** Aye.

16 **CHAIRMAN J. WILLIAMS:** Commissioner Thomas.

17 **COMMISSIONER THOMAS^[A/V]:** Aye.

18 **CHAIRMAN J. WILLIAMS:** Commissioner Powers?

19 **COMMISSIONER POWERS:** Aye.

20 **CHAIRMAN J. WILLIAMS:** Chairman Williams votes
21 aye. The ayes have it; the motion carries.

22 We will now go into executive session.

23 [WHEREUPON, the Commission Meeting
24 entered Executive Session, including
25 Commissioners and legal counsel, for the

1 purpose of receiving legal advice,
2 pursuant to South Carolina Code Section
3 30-4-70(a)(2), on all items and matters
4 on the posted utilities and
5 transportation agendas for the March 10,
6 2022, regularly scheduled meeting of the
7 Commission.]
8 [WHEREUPON, Executive Session
9 discussion/proceedings were conducted off
10 the record from 2:06 to 3:42 p.m., after
11 which time public proceedings resumed, as
12 follow hereinafter.]

13 **CHAIRMAN J. WILLIAMS:** Good afternoon, ladies
14 and gentlemen. Welcome back to the Public Service
15 Commission of South Carolina.

16 Is there a motion?

17 **COMMISSIONER POWERS:** Mr. Chairman?

18 **CHAIRMAN J. WILLIAMS:** Commissioner Powers.

19 **COMMISSIONER POWERS:** I move that we end
20 executive session discussion and return to public
21 session. I would add, Mr. Chairman, that during
22 the executive session no decisions were made.

23 **CHAIRMAN J. WILLIAMS:** Thank you, Commission
24 Powers.

25 Ladies and gentlemen, we are adjourned – no,

1 we need to vote on the motion.

2 MS. HILL: Yes, sir, you need to vote.

3 CHAIRMAN J. WILLIAMS: And to take roll. So
4 we need to go back on.

5 All right, folks, we were rushing there, or I
6 was rushing, and I made a mistake, so please accept
7 my sincere apologies.

8 Before we do anything, we need to take roll.
9 Present in the hearing room we have Commissioners
10 J. Williams, Powers, Belser. And joining us
11 virtually we have Commissioners Caston, Thomas,
12 Ervin – excuse me – Caston, Thomas, Williams, and
13 Ervin. All right.

14 We did not vote on Commissioner Powers'
15 motion. He made a motion for us to come out of
16 executive session. Commissioners, hearing
17 Commissioner Powers's motion, is there any
18 discussion?

19 [No response]

20 Hearing none, we'll vote on the motion,
21 starting with District 1. Commissioner Williams.

22 COMMISSIONER C. WILLIAMS^[A/V]: Aye.

23 CHAIRMAN J. WILLIAMS: Vice Chair Belser.

24 VICE CHAIR BELSER: Aye.

25 CHAIRMAN J. WILLIAMS: Commissioner Caston?

1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10
11
12
13
14
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22

COMMISSIONER CASTON^[A/V]: Aye.

CHAIRMAN J. WILLIAMS: Commissioner Ervin.

COMMISSIONER ERVIN^[A/V]: Aye.

CHAIRMAN J. WILLIAMS: Commissioner Thomas?

COMMISSIONER THOMAS^[A/V]: Aye.

CHAIRMAN J. WILLIAMS: Commissioner Powers.

COMMISSIONER POWERS: Aye.

CHAIRMAN J. WILLIAMS: Chairman Williams votes
aye. The ayes have it; the motion carries. We are
out of executive session.

[WHEREUPON, the Commission Meeting
re-entered Open Session.]

And there is no further business before the
Commission at this time, so the meeting is
adjourned. Thank you.

[WHEREUPON, at 3:44 p.m., the proceedings
in the above-entitled matter were
adjourned.]



Date: 3/8/22 . Rev. 3/24/2022 jw

Jo Elizabeth M. Wheat, CVR-CM/M-GNSC
Court Reporter ~ Public Service Commission of South Carolina
803.896.5100 ~ Jo.Wheat@psc.sc.gov